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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI

1. IN A LETTER DATED JUNE 12, 1978, TO CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI, MARTIN ENNALS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MAKES FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON BANGLADESH.

2. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WOULD ALSO COMMENT THAT THE STATEMENT REGARDING BANGLADESH THAT "UP TO 2,000" POLITICAL PRISONERS REMAIN INCARCERATED, IS INACCURATE. THIS FIGURE APPEARS TO BE THE OFFICIAL FIGURE AND RELATES ONLY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN PREVENTIVE DETENTION, SINCE THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PRISONERS HELD UNDER EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AND MARTIAL LAW ON SPECIFIC CHARGES (HOWEVER, USUALLY WITHOUT TRIAL) ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS. IF THESE CATEGORIES ARE INCLUDED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WOULD ESTIMATE THE TOTAL FIGURE AT BETWEEN 10,000 AND 15,000.
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3. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED TO RESPOND TO THESE POINTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP ANY INFORMATION OR COMMENTS WHICH EMBASSY WOULD CARE TO OFFER. CHRISTOPHER

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